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**Subject:** RE: re: Colorado Spill Inquiry (Global news Canada)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:13 PM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz  
**Cc:** Hull, George  
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GTG?

Reporter on deadline.

Pulled this from Sitrep:

EPA has also taken steps to capture and treat the discharge at the Gold King mine, addressing the risk of additional downstream impacts. We have constructed four ponds at the mine site and which are treating water by lowering acidity levels and removing dissolved metals. This system is discharging treated water to Cement Creek at levels cleaner (higher pH and lower levels of metals) than pre-event, background conditions in the creek. Over the next several days, EPA will make upgrades to the system to ensure its continued operation.

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Just checking in on this request.

Thanks,

Aarti

**From:** Aarti Pole  
**Sent:** August-11-15 1:43 PM  
**To:** 'colaizzi.jennifer@epa.gov'  
**Subject:** re: Colorado Spill Inquiry (Global news Canada)

Hi there Jennifer,

I just needed some clarification on the current situation with the Gold King Mine spill.

From what I understand the river will remain closed until Aug 17 (true?)

The governor mentioned there was no more polluted water flowing from the mine... that there is a filter of some sort in place... is that true? What sort of filtering system would work in this situation.?

The last I read is that the discharge flowed at a rate of 500 gallons/minute – is that currently the case?

Finally what penalties could the EPA face..? I imagine there's no responsibility on the part of Gold King itself (as it's defunct)

Thank you!

Aarti

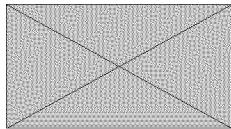
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